

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

JOHN CHRISTMAN

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of attending a ceremony where World War II veteran John Christman was presented a Congressional Gold Medal. John is one of the nine surviving veterans who served as a soldier in the U.S. Army's 23rd Headquarters Special Troops tactical deception unit, more popularly known as the "Ghost Army." This 1,100-man unit has a very unique mission. The Ghost Army's mission is to impersonate other Allied Army units in order to deceive our enemy. The Ghost Army has staged more than 20 battlefield deceptions, often operating very close to the front lines. I would like to thank John for the bravery and selflessness that he displayed while serving our country in the Ghost Army. God Bless John, and I thank him for his exemplary service, and God Bless our America.

HONORING THE OPENING OF THE
OCALA, FLORIDA VA CLINIC**HON. KAT CAMMACK**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, we are proud to recognize the ribbon cutting and grand opening of the Ocala VA Clinic on June 22, 2022. This clinic is a tremendous triumph for our veteran community in North Central Florida and will serve thousands of veterans with excellent care. This project has been a long-time coming and I am pleased to see its completion. Congratulations to the North Florida/South Georgia Veterans Health System on another job well done on behalf of our Nation's heroes.

HONORING GREG JASEK AND THE
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY BAND'S
30TH ANNIVERSARY**HON. FRANK J. MRVAN**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to recognize the 30th anniversary of the Highland Community Band and to honor Greg Jasek, principal conductor. Due to the global pandemic, the anniversary celebration was cancelled in 2020, but a concert and presentation will take place this year on Thursday, May 26, 2022, at Main Square Park in Highland, Indiana.

Born and raised in the Hegewisch neighborhood of Chicago, Greg Jasek first heard the

siren's call of music in third grade when he began taking trumpet lessons. Those lessons were supplemented with visits to Chicago Symphony Orchestra performances, as well as watching Leonard Bernstein on television. He continued his studies in conducting with Michael Morgan, then-assistant conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Later, he was accepted to Tanglewood, which is the summer home of the Boston Symphony. While at Tanglewood, Greg studied with noted conductors such as Andre Previn, Leonard Slatkin, Maurice Abravanel, John Williams, and Leonard Bernstein.

In 1991, Greg became assistant conductor for the Northwest Indiana Youth Symphony Orchestra, and in 1992, he was named cover conductor for the International Arts Chamber Orchestra. By 1994, Greg arrived at Carnegie Hall to attend the Solti Orchestra Project; however, Maestro Georg Solti had a different plan in mind and asked Greg to assist with the Bartok Concerto for Orchestra during recording sessions for London-Decca. Subsequently, Maestro Solti and Greg collaborated in the orchestration of Bartok's Romanian Christmas Carols.

Prior to these outstanding achievements, Greg had already begun to make what would prove to be an indelible mark on the Highland community. It was in 1989 that a young baritone player named Michael Griffin approached Greg Jasek with an idea to begin a community band in Highland, Indiana. Musicians from Northwest Indiana and Northeastern Illinois gathered together, and the Highland Community Band gave its first concert in July 1990. As fate would have it, Greg met his wife, Kerry, a flute player in the band, during this time. The couple would later add two wonderful children, Benjamin and Samuel, to their family.

In 2011, Greg was initiated into the Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity as a National Arts Associate, which is a national recognition for distinguished contribution to the arts. Later, in 2021, in recognition of his 30 years as principal conductor of the Highland Community Band, Greg was honored with the Distinguished Hoosier Award by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Greg Jasek and in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Highland Community Band. For his musical influence and innovation and his dedication to the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond, Greg Jasek is one man who most truly can be called maestro, and he is worthy of our admiration and the highest commendation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons I was unable to make votes this week.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 188; NAY on Roll Call No. 189; YEA on Roll Call No. 190; YEA on Roll Call No. 191; YEA on Roll Call No. 192; NAY on Roll Call No. 193; YEA on Roll Call No. 194; YEA on Roll Call No. 195; YEA on Roll Call No. 196; YEA on Roll Call No. 197; YEA on Roll Call No. 198; YEA on Roll Call No. 199; YEA on Roll Call No. 200; YEA on Roll Call No. 201; YEA on Roll Call No. 202; YEA on Roll Call No. 203; YEA on Roll Call No. 204; YEA on Roll Call No. 205; YEA on Roll Call No. 206; YEA on Roll Call No. 207; NAY on Roll Call No. 208; NAY on Roll Call No. 209; YEA on Roll Call No. 210; NAY on Roll Call No. 211; NAY on Roll Call No. 212; YEA on Roll Call No. 213; YEA on Roll Call No. 214; YEA on Roll Call No. 215; YEA on Roll Call No. 216; YEA on Roll Call No. 217; YEA on Roll Call No. 218; YEA on Roll Call No. 219; NAY on Roll Call No. 220; NAY on Roll Call No. 221; NAY on Roll Call No. 222; YEA on Roll Call No. 223; YEA on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; YEA on Roll Call No. 228; NAY on Roll Call No. 229; NAY on Roll Call No. 230; YEA on Roll Call No. 231; and NAY on Roll Call No. 232.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PAUL
JOSEPH IANNI**HON. JOHN B. LARSON**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, in honor of the life of Paul Joseph Ianni, I include in the RECORD the following letter written by his former platoon leader during the Vietnam war, Brice H. Barnes.

TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF SGT PAUL IANNI: It has been brought to my attention by a fellow Veteran, Mr. Russ Vibberts, that our mutual friend, Mr. Paul Ianni, has transitioned from this world and now rests in the Mighty Arms of our Savior. In 1967, I had the distinct honor of being Paul's Platoon Leader in Vietnam, and knew him as a gentleman and professional soldier. Paul was highly instrumental in our successful exploitation of the largest ammunition and weapons cache ever discovered in the entire Vietnam War, as a volunteer that explored the vast underground tunnel and storage complex. His reports to me were accurate and thorough, enabling us to successfully complete the mission as assigned. For his actions, I nominated Paul for the Bronze Star

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Medal for meritorious service. Later in his tour of duty, Paul participated in another significant battle during the Tet Counter-offensive in Vietnam. At the risk of personal injury or death, Paul delivered highly effective fire upon several enemy positions, thereby enabling his platoon to advance and occupy security positions that guarded a vital road intersection. It is without doubt that Paul's actions saved the lives of many of his fellow platoon members. As a result of his actions, Paul was awarded the Silver Star, our Nation's third highest award for valor and bravery in combat operations. One of his other awards was the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the most prestigious award ever to be bestowed upon an Infantryman.

On some rare occasions, I was able to telephonically visit with Paul, and always thanked him for his service, and for making me a better leader of other Warriors. Although news of his passing has brought me some personal sadness, I am rejoicing that he is now free of the prejudices and pain that he experienced, and will enjoy the peace and freedom that he so richly deserved.

BRICE H. BARNES,
Colonel (Ret) U.S.
Army, Honorary
Colonel, 47th Infantry
Regiment.

GUPPI

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last week, I had the pleasure of attending the official storefront opening of Guppi in Wildwood, New Jersey. Driven by a young entrepreneur, Abby, Guppi aspires to reduce the plastics that pollute our oceans by creating eco-friendly apparel, bags, knick-knacks. Since launching her brand in 2018, Abby has created all her products by hand via screen-printing with ecofriendly inks and embroidering with threads made from recycled plastics. I am so impressed by Abby's work ethic, as well as her continued commitment to make our South Jersey community a safer and more eco-friendly environment. Abby truly exemplifies ambition, and I am excited to watch Guppi continue to grow. God bless Abby and all the other hard-working employees at Guppi, and God Bless our America.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO DESIGNATE THE FACILITY OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE LOCATED AT 400 SOUTHERN AVENUE SOUTHEAST IN WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AS THE "DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS POST OFFICE"

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill that would name the post office at 400 Southern Avenue SE in the District of Columbia as the "District of Columbia Servicemembers and Veterans Post Office."

While it is important that our country honor all servicemembers and veterans, our country owes a special debt of gratitude to D.C. servicemembers and veterans, who serve or have served their country without voting representation in Congress or full local self-government. It is remarkable that they serve a country that denies them basic democratic rights—rights they have often been sent overseas to defend.

D.C. residents have served in every war since the Revolutionary War. There are approximately 30,000 veterans who live in D.C., and almost 200,000 D.C. residents have served in the military since World War I. This bill is one way to recognize their service and sacrifice. Six hundred thirty-five D.C. residents were casualties of World War I, a casualty figure greater than that of three different States during that war. Three thousand five hundred seventy-five D.C. residents were casualties of World War II, a casualty figure greater than that of four different States during that war. Five hundred forty-seven D.C. residents were casualties of the Korean war, a casualty figure greater than that of eight different States during that war. Two hundred forty-three D.C. residents were casualties of the Vietnam war, a casualty figure greater than that of 10 different States during that war.

I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF THELMA C. CHILDERS

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the outstanding life and service of Thelma C. Childers.

Thelma was born on March 31, 1922, in Clover, South Carolina. Her doctor told her mother she would not live past the age of 2 due to a heart murmur, but Thelma proved that doctor wrong and just celebrated her 100th birthday.

Raised on a farm by a single mother, Thelma understands the value of hard work. During the day, her mother worked as a makeup artist at the local cemetery, and at night, she tended to the cows and other farm animals. Despite growing up during the Great Depression, Thelma never knew she was poor—she just knew she was happy and loved.

Thelma was married to the late Joe Childers for over 50 years. Joe was in the Navy and fought in the South Pacific during World War II. Throughout their joyful and prosperous marriage, Thelma helped Joe run his own life insurance business. The two were also big supporters of St. Jude Children's Hospital and members of the Travelers Protection Association, an organization that helps communities through travel safety issues, children safety programs, and various community service projects.

A proud mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Thelma is the epitome of a family matriarch. After attending Northside Baptist Church for most of her life, she now enjoys attending Eastside Baptist Church with her grandson Justin as often as she is able.

Thelma's secret to her health and long life is "working hard in my yard, because all I

have known my whole life is hard work and hard work hasn't ever hurt nobody." In addition to spending time with her family, her true passion is spending time outside digging in her flower beds.

On behalf of the Fifth District of South Carolina, it is my most sincere pleasure to recognize and celebrate the incredible life of Thelma Childers. May her life continue to be filled with joy, good health, and family.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIFEREETH ISRAEL CONGREGATION OF NEW BEDFORD

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. KEATING. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Tifereth Israel Congregation of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

As the Jewish population of New Bedford grew in the 1920s, so did the need for a new synagogue. On November 17, 1921, the Tifereth Israel Congregation was chartered and has continued to serve the Greater New Bedford area for over 100 years. The original Tifereth Israel Synagogue still stands at 42 South Sixth Street; however, in 1966, during a two-week celebration, elders of the congregation moved sacred Torahs to the newly constructed synagogue on Brownell Avenue with over 800 people attending the dedication ceremonies.

Today, the Tifereth Israel Congregation remains a pillar of the community offering a variety of programs, including Bar and Bat Mitzvah classes, the Minyan Breakfast Club, the United Youth Program, as well as the Tifereth Israel Sisterhood and Men's Club. The Tifereth Israel Congregation—currently led by Rabbi Raphael Kanter, who has served as the congregation's spiritual leader since 1997—is known for being a kind and welcoming place of worship, promoting the message of respecting all, even when beliefs may differ.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the 100th anniversary of the Tifereth Israel Congregation. I ask that my colleagues join me in thanking them for their invaluable service and wishing them all the best in the many years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN H. RUTHERFORD

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I was unavailable, and I missed the following roll call votes.

Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 218; YEA on Roll Call No. 219; NAY on Roll Call No. 220; NAY on Roll Call No. 221; YEA on Roll Call No. 222; YEA on Roll Call No. 223; YEA on Roll Call No. 224; YEA on Roll Call No. 225; YEA on Roll Call No. 226; YEA on Roll Call No. 227; YEA on Roll Call No. 228; NAY on Roll Call No. 229; NAY on Roll Call No. 230; YEA on

Roll Call No. 231; and NAY on Roll Call No. 232.

DOGS OF HONOR

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of attending the New Jersey Dogs of Honor graduation in Maurice River Township, South Jersey. New Jersey Dogs of Honor started with a dog named Gunnar, who was the service dog of Diana Pitman, a former army nurse dealing with post-traumatic stress. Through Gunnar, Diana learned first-hand how a service dog can change a veteran's life. Diana then collaborated with Ted's Pet Country Club and Patti and Gordon Gross to establish New Jersey Dogs of Honor. Since then, these service dogs have been changing the lives of veterans in the South Jersey community by performing tasks to help veterans with disabilities. At the graduation this month, Meet, King, and Maggie all graduated and will now accompany three of our nation's veterans. God Bless both these dogs and veterans, and God Bless our United States of America.

HONORING UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S PRESIDENT DR. FUCHS

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I honor the service of Dr. Kent Fuchs, the 12th President of the University of Florida, who will be retiring later this year. Dr. Fuchs has served for 37 years as an academic leader and faculty member at four different national research and land-grant universities, including the University of Florida in my district where his leadership and support will be sorely missed.

Dr. Fuchs has been a steward for public good and will go down in Florida's history as a testament to public service. Founded to serve the citizens of a growing state, the University of Florida (UF) has since become one of the nation's top public universities.

Born on an Oklahoma farm in 1954, President Fuchs spent much of his youth in Alaska before moving to Miami, where he graduated from Miami Killian Senior High School. Dr. Fuchs eventually made Florida his home, where his indelible impact is seen to this day.

During his tenure, UF has become a national leader in preparing the next generation of students for success. It was always his belief that public higher education was the incubator for personal growth and scholastic enrichment. Today, the University continues to be one of the most affordable universities in the nation, with UF's average cost of attendance lowest of the top 10 public universities. With his personal warmth, sense of humor and affection for students—personified in his annual April Fools' pranks and friendly, light-hearted presence on social media—Dr. Fuchs has become a beloved figure on campus, with students lining up to take selfies with him wherever he goes.

Most notably during his tenure, the university reached its longtime goal of joining the nation's top public universities, rising to join the top five in 2021.

Dr. Fuchs has strived to ensure Florida's bright future. In 2020, UF announced a groundbreaking partnership with NVIDIA that will catapult UF's research strength and build a workforce trained in the tools of Artificial Intelligence (AI). UF's creation of a model for addressing society's grand challenges through interdisciplinary collaboration is positioning Florida as a global leader in AI and attracting more high-wage jobs and industry to our state.

Today, UF has 4,642 full-time faculty, up more than 25 percent from 2014. Faculty have steadily increased their research excellence with research spending projected to approach \$1 billion this fiscal year. Under Dr. Fuchs' leadership, UF's faculty and staff have enhanced the university's educational, research, extension and clinical excellence, by increasing public and private financial support—all progress that continued despite the challenges of the pandemic in the past two years.

Over his long and distinguished career, Dr. Fuchs was appointed by President Obama to the National Science Board and served on the Internet2, Association of American Universities and Association of Public and Land-grant Universities boards of directors. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and the Association for Computing Machinery, and has received numerous awards for teaching and research. President Fuchs earned his doctorate in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Illinois, and a Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

On behalf of the Florida Congressional Delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 117th Congress, we want to congratulate Dr. Kent Fuchs on his retirement after eight years of service with the University of Florida and thank him for his of public service to Florida and our Nation.

RECOGNIZING MRS. ALICIA CONDE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Alicia Conde for her 26 years of service to the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District.

Since 1992, Mrs. Conde has served as a dedicated public servant, working tirelessly on behalf of the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District. She has done critical work, such as overseeing the annual district crop survey program, managing the water billing and District Exempt Land Assessment tax installments, and maintaining the district's correspondence.

For decades, Mrs. Conde has been the first point of contact for anybody with business in the district. She has long been an excellent representative of the district, and a welcoming presence for those coming into the office. She has built longstanding relationships with landowners in the area and guided many of them through difficult regulatory changes over her years of service.

The loyalty and commitment to service by Mrs. Conde has been an inspiration to us all. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mrs. Alicia Conde for her decades of public service and contributions to the Central Valley community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on May 18, 2022, for Roll Call Vote No. 218, Roll Call Vote No. 219, and Roll Call Vote No. 220. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote No. 218, Nay on Roll Call Vote No. 219, Yea on Roll Call Vote No. 220.

COMMEMORATING DR. COY HOLCOMBE FOR 21 YEARS OF SERVICE AS SUPERINTENDENT OF EUSTACE ISD

HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the leadership and commitment of Dr. Coy Holcombe, who serves the Fifth District of Texas as Superintendent of Eustace ISD. An essential figure and true asset to our community, Dr. Holcombe is retiring after 21 years of service.

Dr. Holcombe began his career as an educator and coach in 1984 before joining Eustace ISD in 2001. His brilliance in finance and his leadership skills have not gone unnoticed in the community, especially during the trials of COVID-19. Dr. Holcombe has successfully maintained a healthy fund balance within the school district and navigated the community through student population growth over the years. His leadership during the pandemic was stellar in ensuring students' education, health, and well-being were properly monitored and prioritized. His dedication to every student within Eustace ISD will leave a legacy of excellence and compassion in the Fifth District of Texas.

I commend Dr. Coy Holcombe for his commitment to the students and families of Eustace ISD and for 21 years of hard work and service as Superintendent.

HONORING THE LIFE OF EARL PAUL KING, JR.

HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Earl Paul King, Jr., a man of great distinction whom I was honored to serve.

Earl was born in Dublin, Texas, July 8, 1944. He attended school and played football

at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi, where he earned a bachelor's degree.

After graduating, Earl settled in South Louisiana. In 1967, he founded King Trucking, Inc. near Morgan City, Louisiana. The business has provided professional trucking services for over 55 years. As a member of the Louisiana Motor Transport Association, the St. Mary Industrial Group, and the American Petroleum Institute, Earl worked with local businessowners to advance the economic interests of St. Mary Parish.

He was committed to serving his State and community. Earl was a member of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, having been appointed by two Governors and having served as chairman for one year. He was a board member for the Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival and was chosen as the festival's king in 2004.

Earl also gave back. He endowed the Earl King Scholarship at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and he was an active member of LSU's Tiger Athletic Foundation.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He loved his LSU Tigers, and above all, spending time with his family.

A beloved husband and father, Earl left this earthly existence and shed his mortal coil on April 13, 2022, at the age of 77.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the citizens of Louisiana's Third District, I honor the life of Earl Paul King, Jr. May he endure in our memories, and may God bless his loving friends and family.

FREDRICK JOHN NAHAS II, M.D.

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the lifelong achievements of Fredrick John Nahas II. Dr. Nahas moved to Margate, South Jersey as a young boy and graduated from Atlantic City High School in 1964. In high school, he was a South Jersey swimming champion and was recruited to swim at the University of Pennsylvania, where he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. After graduating from University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Nahas followed in his father's footsteps and pursued his career as an electrical engineer working on the Apollo Moon Project in Florida. He then continued his education and graduated from Temple University School of Medicine in 1974. After years of hard work, Dr. Nahas opened his own practice in 1978 and became a board-certified surgeon in 1980. Since then, he has maintained certifications in both general and vascular surgery. Currently, he works at his solo practice in South Jersey and enjoys spending time with his six grandchildren. Dr. Nahas should be proud of all of his achievements, and it is my pleasure to recognize him. God Bless Fredrick, and God Bless our America.

KENT LOPEZ

HON. DAN NEWHOUSE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the upcoming retirement of Kent Lopez as General Manager of the Washington Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

For nearly 17 years, Kent has diligently represented the interests of these 14 not-for-profit, rural electric coops and has advocated for the interests of consumer-owned utilities for more than 40 years.

Whether it's my home co-op of Benton REA in Central Washington, Okanogan County Electric and Nespelem Valley Electric to our north; or Big Bend Electric just next door, Kent has dutifully executed his charge of ensuring that hundreds of thousands of rural Washingtonians have access to the affordable, reliable, and abundant renewable cost-based benefits of the Federal Columbia River Power System—a system critically important to the well-being of the Pacific Northwest.

But come July 1st, Kent will hang up his coat and focus on the long "honey-do" list his lovely wife Cindy has ready for him.

I wish Kent good luck in retirement; he has earned it.

HONORING FLORIDA'S THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT'S GOLD STAR FAMILIES 2022

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Sergeant First-Class Christopher Burks. Sfc. Burks was killed in the line of duty the 1st of August 2012 in Cheongju, Korea. He was the proud husband to Diana Jordan-Burks and father to Kyana Goodman and Karlasha Williams. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Sergeant Jared Milazzo. Sgt. Milazzo was killed in the line of duty the 12th of December 2018 in Ft. Bragg, NC. He was the proud son of Robert and Laureen Milazzo. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Corporal William Rechenmacher. Cpl. Rechenmacher was killed in the line of duty the 18th of January 2007 in Baghdad, Iraq. He was the proud son of Joanne and Ronald Gutchner. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Private First-Class Jonathan Villanueva. PFC Villanueva was killed in the line of duty the 27th of April 2011

in Salar, Afghanistan. He was the proud son of Diego and Anna Villanueva. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Sergeant Shaw Rivers. Sgt. Rivers was killed in the line of duty the 26th of November 2020 in Clarksville, TN. He was the proud son of Shaw and Charlene Rivers. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Private First-Class Timothy Seamans. Pfc. Seamans was killed in the line of duty the 18th of August 2005 in Samara, Iraq. He was the proud son of Dave and Monica Seamans. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Sergeant Lukas Stanford. Sgt. Stanford was killed in the line of duty the 4th of October 2008 in Ft. Belvoir, VA. He was the proud son of Tim and Carmen Stanford and brother to Emma Stanford. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Sergeant Karl Campbell. Sgt. Campbell was killed in the line of duty the 4th of October 2010 in Babur, Afghanistan. He was the proud son of Arthur and Audrey Campbell. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger. Spc. Neiberger was killed in the line of duty the 6th of August 2007 in Baghdad, Iraq. He was the proud son of Richard and Mary Neiberger. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Private Sergeant First-Class Leo Cornell. Sfc. Cornell was killed in the line of duty the 14th of December 2007 in Ocala, FL. He was the proud husband to Marcy Cornell. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Air Force Staff Sergeant Bryan Berky. Staff Sergeant Berky was killed in the line of duty the 12th of September 2009 in Afghanistan. He was the proud father of Harrison Berky and the son of Sonya and Bill Berky. He is greatly missed by friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

I am proud to honor the service and sacrifice of United States Army Sergeant Christopher Soderlund. Sgt. Soderlund was killed in the line of duty the 9th of July 2011 in Charkh Bazaar Eastern TCP, Afghanistan. He was the proud father of Adrienne and Gabriel Soderlund-McComic. He is greatly missed by

friends, family, and community members alike. We thank him for his ultimate sacrifice to our Nation for the freedom of all Americans.

IN RECOGNITION OF ARGO
COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARIE NEWMAN

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Ms. NEWMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the critical work by the Argo Community High School administration to promote equity in their school. Argo Community High School is making history by erecting a bronze sculpture honoring the life and work of Mamie Till, the mother of Emmett Till and a graduate of Argo Community High School. Mamie Till's brave decision to hold an open casket funeral following the brutal lynching of her son provided a spark for the civil rights movement and brought lynching to the forefront of social conversation.

Argo Community High School's efforts to implement this project will serve as a road map for other communities to infuse equity in education. Through collaboration with individuals such as Reverend Wheeler Parker and Ollie Gordon, Emmett Till's cousins, to design the sculpture, Argo Community High School has incorporated the surrounding community into their project. Additionally, students have been an integral part of the process, and are currently documenting stories of living Till family members as well as community members who knew Mamie and Emmett Till. I am proud of Argo Community High School's leadership to uplift our civil rights heroes as we educate the next generation of American leaders.

I commend the Argo Community High School administration for educating their students about our nation's history through the Mamie Till Memorial Sculpture. This sculpture will serve as a catalyst for immediate and continued education of students at Argo Community High School as well as members of the Argo-Summit community around the issues of social justice and civil rights. I thank Dr. William Toullos and Dr. Brandon Cotter for their leadership and am honored to have such outstanding educators in my district.

HONORING DR. MARIA ELOISA
ALBAY DE PADUA AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL
FLORIDA FOR ASIAN AMERICAN
AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Maria Eloisa Albay de Padua, MD, is the longest-serving physician in Central Florida Health Care, a non-profit federally qualified community health care center.

After finishing her education in the Philippines, Dr. de Padua immigrated to the United States of America and did her residency at the Children's Hospital of Buffalo. After learning about CFHC's mission to help

migrant workers and the underserved 27 years ago, Dr. de Padua joined and never looked back.

Going into medicine to help the sick and the most vulnerable, Dr. de Padua considered CFHC the perfect place to realize her dreams. Initially, she worked as a pediatrician for the Frostproof, Wauchula, and Avon Park Community Health Centers. Then, as CFHC began growing, Dr. de Padua helped start several other facilities by being one of the first providers in the Dundee, Mulberry, Lakeland, and Winter Haven Community Health Centers.

As a pediatrician, Dr. de Padua treats sick children from birth to age 18. Her focus is on helping children stay healthy by ensuring they get their well checks and immunizations promptly. Having served the community for 27 years, Dr. de Padua now has former patients who are parents, bringing their children to see her as patients.

For Dr. de Padua, her greatest reward as a pediatrician is to see her patients grow from newborns to young students to college graduates who then move on to become contributing members of society.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF U.S.-QATAR
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, MAY
24, 2022

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Qatar, it is with great pleasure that I congratulate both the United States and Qatar on the strong and deep-rooted relationship that has developed since the two countries established diplomatic relations fifty years ago.

The bond between our two countries has never been stronger, thanks to our enduring partnership to address regional and global challenges. Bilateral cooperation between the U.S. and Qatar on trade, investment, climate change, education, humanitarian assistance, cultural exchanges and security collaboration have been expanded in recent years.

This was underscored at the White House earlier this year when President Joe Biden hosted His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani. In his welcoming remarks on January 31, 2022, President Biden declared: "Qatar is a good friend, and a reliable and capable partner."

He reflected on the "fifty years of partnership." Specifically, he said, "this past year, our partnership with Qatar has been central to many of our most vital interests: relocating tens of thousands of Afghans; maintaining stability in Gaza and providing lifesaving assistance to the Palestinians; keeping pressure on ISIS and deterring threats across the Middle East; and a lot more."

Our countries worked hand-in-hand on many vital priorities, such as the evacuating vulnerable Afghans under Taliban rule. The Qataris played a role that can never be forgotten, by helping to evacuate and process thousands of Afghans to Al Udeid Air Base. Additionally, in May of last year, the Qataris played a crucial role in negotiating a ceasefire between Israel and Gaza. We all must acknowledge the critical role Qatar plays in stabilizing the world and saving countless lives.

As a Member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I was very encouraged to see both President Biden and the Amir welcome the signing of a \$20 billion deal between Boeing and Qatar Airways. This is one of the largest deals that Boeing aircraft has ever had. It will support manufacturing jobs at Boeing, General Electric and hundreds of other suppliers across the U.S. and in Qatar.

The highlight of our partnership is the designation of Qatar as a Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA). Since Qatar already is home to the Al Udeid base, which is the largest in the region, and the CENTCOM regional headquarters, the new designation serves to reinforce the existing security partnership between our two countries.

It is important to note that the U.S.-Qatar relationship encompasses far more than strategic cooperation. Our two nations have developed cultural partnerships designed to promote intellectual and intercultural dialogue, and build bridges between our countries.

In addition, there are student exchanges from both nations, so that American students are able to study in Qatar, while Qatari students are welcomed in the United States.

Economic ties between Qatar and the U.S. have flourished over the last 50 years. The U.S. is Qatar's largest foreign direct investor and second largest source of imports while Qatar also has invested billions of dollars in the U.S. leading to the creation of thousands of jobs in this country.

The year marking the fiftieth anniversary of U.S. relations with Qatar began with the meeting between President Biden and Amir al-Thani. It will end on another particularly eventful occasion when Qatar hosts the 2022 FIFA World Cup. It is an incredible accomplishment that an event of such international significance will be held in Qatar.

I am proud to continue working with our Qatari allies in strengthening a lasting relationship that benefits both the America people and our Qatari friends across the world. Congratulations to us both.

HONORING MR. CLAUDE BROWN OF
THE UAW ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the 100th birthday of a resolute union organizer who has devoted his life to social justice and advocacy, Mr. Claude Brown.

Claude was born on May 27, 1922, in the small town of Columbia, Tennessee. He faithfully served his country in the United States Army from 1943 until 1946. One decade later, on November 5, 1956, Claude began a new chapter of service when he was hired at The International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) Local 652 in Lansing, Michigan.

Claude dedicated 31 years of his life to working at UAW Local 652, where he served as the first Civil Rights Committee Chairman. As Chairman, Claude played an essential role in advocating for historic legislation such as

Medicare, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Employee Retirement Act, and the Family and Medical Leave Act. Claude dedicated his career to advocating for health care and pension benefits for retirees, policies to address the impacts of climate change, robust workplace health and safety standards, and better safety net protections like unemployment insurance laws.

Claude has set an inspirational precedent for his successors while also inspiring his colleagues, community, and all those who had the pleasure of knowing him. Today, I want to honor Claude for his service and commitment to the UAW, and to celebrate the longevity of his life and the immense impact he has had on the Lansing community over the past century.

May we honor Claude for his willingness to go above and beyond the call of duty to fight for fair wages, benefits, and better working conditions for workers in Michigan and across this great nation. May these words stand as an enduring tribute to his many years of dedicated service.

COMPLETE CARE

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last week, I had the pleasure of attending the

grand opening of the Complete Care Adult and Specialty Medical Professionals health center and corporate office in Bridgeton, South Jersey. The Complete Care Health Network began in 1973 as the Community Health Improvement Plan. Since then, Complete Care has grown to become the leading community health center in the state of New Jersey with a multitude of locations throughout Gloucester, Cumberland, and Cape May counties. The mission of the health center is to improve lives by providing convenient, comprehensive, high-quality healthcare to every community they serve. Complete Care Health Center truly does provide affordable and accessible care to the people of South Jersey. God Bless the employees and leaders of the Complete Care Health Network, and God Bless America.

**RECOGNIZING CHIEF WES
HENSLEY**

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Chief Wes Hensley on his retirement from the Tulare Police Department after 31 years of service.

Chief Hensley began his service to the Central Valley in 1984, starting as a police officer in the Visalia Police Department. Throughout

his career, he has held multiple positions in different departments and sheriff's offices. Over his three decades of service to his community, Chief Hensley climbed the ranks, achieving the positions of Corporal, Sergeant, Captain, and finally Chief of Police.

Under his leadership, Chief Hensley has led the Tulare Police Department through unprecedented challenges, maintaining the respect and credibility of the Tulare Police throughout the community. His presence at the helm of the Department has been critical in advancing the goals of his officers and ensuring the safety of the community for all.

Chief Hensley's dedication, leadership, and commitment to excellence has been an incredible model for all those who will follow him. His presence will be truly missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Chief Wes Hensley for his lifetime of service to the Central Valley and congratulating him on his recent retirement.